

Committee Notes – Joint Meeting
Security Committee- Hollywood Entertainment District, Sunset and Vine BID
March 12, 2015
Hollywood City Hall Community Room
6501 Fountain

Attendance: **HED Committee Members present:** John Tronson, Monica Yamada, Carol Massie, Derick Malec. Not present: Frank Babitch, Chad Lewis, Derrick Malec. **SVBID Committee Members present:** Elizabeth McDonald, Fabio Conti, Anthony Bell. Not present: Fred Rosenthal. **Liaisons:** Joe Salazar, Bill Farrar, John Adams, Steve Seyler, Andrews International. Deputy Santiago Robles, LA County Sheriff. Sgt. Osbaldo Ramos, SLO Irv Isabella, LAPD. **Staff:** Kerry Morrison, Joseph Mariani. Dan Haldan, CD-13. Jackie Lawson, Neighborhood Prosecutor. **Guests:** John Muldoon, Eric Fields, Mike Harkins, Andrews International; Mike Arminio, LA Film School; Dawn Gahn, Americorps.

I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by John Tronson and Fred Rosenthal at 10:10 a.m.

II. Public Comment: There was no public comment

III. Meeting Notes: The committee reviewed the meeting notes from their February 12, 2015 meeting.

IV. Reports

A. Report from Andrews International: Steve Seyler presented the highlights from the report covering the period February 2, 2015 through March 1, 2015. Seyler pointed out that a new strategy, given the number of people who are cited for drinking in public, is to provide information about local AA meetings and other referrals. Drinking in public still accounts for about 6/10 private person's arrests in the two BIDs. In the two BIDs, there have been 136 arrests and 305 homeless referrals.

B. Report from LAPD: Sgt. Ramos reported that the Hollywood Entertainment District team is a 60-person task force and Captain Zarcone is doing his part to address homeless outreach in the Division. Sgt. Ramos commended the BID patrol for their professionalism with respect to a recent arrest at the CVS Pharmacy.

C. Report from LA Sheriff's Department: Deputy Robles reported that the trains are being monitored for transients who, despite having valid fare, may be acting aggressively or violently against other riders. In the past month, on the RedLine, there have been five batteries, three ADW, and one domestic violence incident.

D. CD 13 -- Dan Haldan reported that the east sidewalk on Vine street will be closed between Selma and Sunset for Walk of Fame repair. The CIT meeting will likely meet in April or May.

V. Old Business

A. Homeless Issues: Morrison summarized the key points of a presentation she has prepared for both BID boards outlining what appears to be an uptick in the number of homeless people in both BIDs. BID security conducts an early morning count on the last day of each month and the count between January 2014 and January 2015 increased by about 80 people in one year (total about 236 for 1/31/15). This despite the work done by Hollywood 4WRD social service organizations who have housed over 350 people since 2010. There appears to be a new wave of individuals coming to Hollywood – and this may be throughout Los Angeles. Discussions are occurring to ascertain what is happening. Could the passage of Prop

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47 be a factor? There seems to be more youth in Hollywood, and there appears to be more violent behavior associated with some homeless individuals, as compared to the past.

B. Video Surveillance Working Group – Joe Mariani reported that the BID is seeking input from LAPD on possible additional locations for new cameras. He also discussed that LAPD has asked whether it is possible to install a camera on a traffic signal in the middle of the intersection, instead of on a building, to increase the range of vision for the camera. That is something that would have to be discussed with DOT. A tour of the camera room, originally planned for this day, was postponed due to construction around the main station.

C. Night-time walk: A night-time walk of the Hollywood BID is scheduled for March 14, 2015 from midnite to 3 a.m.

VI. New Business

A. Dispatcher for BID security office: Morrison mentioned that she has been meeting with the managers of the BID Security operation discussing the need for a professional dispatcher in the security headquarters. Increased calls for service have changed the dynamic in the office and she will bring more information back to the next meeting on this situation.

VII. Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 9, 2015

VIII. Adjournment: There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.